

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been canceled and claims 11-22 have been added to further define the invention. No new matter has been added.

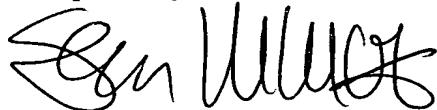
With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 10/242,415, Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application No.2001-283579, filed on September 18, 2001, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to NEC Electronics Corporation, at Reel 013799, and Frame 0677.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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